

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 408, 2/8/2017
Executive Action: HB 374, HB 415, HB 440

00:00:50 Chair Lavin
 00:01:03 Rep. Hamilton joined the meeting
 00:01:10 Chair Lavin relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Garner

HEARING ON HB 408

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:34 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8, Enhance commercial airline service.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:49 Rep. Doane joined the meeting
 00:06:08 Tom Ebzery, Montana Airport Managers Association
 00:10:24 Jeff Wadekamper, Helena Regional Airport
 00:11:42 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
 00:14:12 Debbie Alke, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

EXHIBIT(trh33a01)

00:15:47 Sean Becker, Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
 00:19:59 Cris Jensen, Missoula International Airport
 00:22:04 Lara Tait, Great Falls International Airport
 00:23:58 John Rabenberg, Montana Essential Air Service Task Force (EAS)
 00:24:59 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Project
 00:26:43 Joe Unterreiner, Kalispell Chamber

EXHIBIT(trh33a02)

00:29:03 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
 00:30:26 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:41 Lyn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association (MTA)
 00:33:38 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent A Car

EXHIBIT(trh33a03)

00:42:34 Erin Alt, Sanders County Transportation

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:18 Rep. Trebas
 00:45:12 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
 00:45:30 Tom Ebzery, Montana Airport Managers Association
 00:45:52 Rep. Trebas
 00:46:16 Tom Ebzery, Montana Airport Managers Association
 00:46:29 Rep. Fern
 00:50:25 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
 00:50:34 Rep. Loge
 00:51:20 Cris Jensen, Missoula International Airport
 00:53:18 Rep. Shaw
 00:54:45 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent A Car

00:54:53 Rep. McKamey
00:55:21 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
00:55:47 Rep. McKamey
00:56:28 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent A Car
00:56:43 Rep. McKamey
00:57:20 Cris Jensen, Missoula International Airport
00:57:46 Rep. Fern
00:58:10 Cris Jensen, Missoula International Airport
00:58:56 Rep. Hamilton
00:59:26 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent A Car
00:59:31 Rep. Hamilton
00:59:45 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent A Car
01:00:30 Rep. Loge
01:01:05 Rep. Lavin
01:01:44 Vice Chair Garner
01:02:01 Rep. Lavin
01:02:11 Vice Chair Garner
01:03:18 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
01:03:42 Vice Chair Garner
01:04:54 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent A Car
01:05:05 Vice Chair Garner
01:05:29 Rep. Lavin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:03 Rep. Lavin

01:07:50 Vice Chair Garner

01:07:55 Recess
01:14:03 Reconvene

01:14:08 Chair Lavin resumed the chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 374

01:14:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 374 DO PASS.**

01:14:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 374 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh33a04)

Discussion:

01:15:01 Chair Lavin
01:15:08 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:15:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

01:16:37 Rep. Hamilton
01:17:50 Jason Mohr, LSD
01:18:48 Rep. Fern
01:20:35 Rep. Hamilton

01:19:12 Jason Mohr, LSD
 01:19:36 Rep. Loge
 01:20:07 Rep. Grubbs
 01:20:50 Rep. Hamilton
 01:21:39 Chair Lavin
 01:21:46 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:22:39 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 374 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton, Vice Chair Kipp, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Swanson voting no. Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 415

01:24:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 415 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:24:40 Jason Mohr, LSD
 01:26:39 Chair Lavin
 01:26:51 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:27:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 415 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(trh33a05\)](#)

Discussion:

01:27:14 Chair Lavin
 01:27:22 Rep. Loge
 01:27:56 Chair Lavin
 01:28:06 Jason Mohr, LSD
 01:28:29 Rep. Shaw
 01:28:44 Vice Chair Garner
 01:29:14 Rep. Doane
 01:29:23 Vice Chair Garner

01:29:57 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote. Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

01:30:51 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Garner made a substitute motion that **HB 415 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 440

01:31:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 440 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:31:52 Rep. Doane
 01:32:13 Vice Chair Garner
 01:32:48 Rep. Grubbs
 01:33:08 Rep. Fern
 01:33:16 Chair Lavin
 01:34:02 Rep. Hamilton

01:34:39 Rep. Smith
01:34:49 Chair Lavin
01:35:55 Vice Chair Garner

01:36:51 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern made a substitute motion that **HB 440 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

01:37:29 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:38:03

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh33aad.pdf](#))